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PRODUCING L-VALINE

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Sir:

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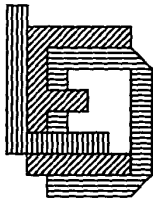
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Re: **WO 00/50624 PCT/EP00/01405**

"Process for the microbial production of L-valine"

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Elise Duvekot September 27, 2001
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Figure 1

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Figure 2

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Figure 3

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SEQUENCE PROTOCOL

(1) GENERAL INFORMATION

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(ii) DESIGNATION OF THE INVENTION

Valine production

(iii) NUMBER OF SEQUENCES: 5

(iv) COMPUTER-READABLE VERSION:

- (A) DATA CARRIER: floppy disk
- (B) COMPUTER: IBM compatible PC
- (C) OPERATING SYSTEM: PC-DOS/MS-DOS
- (D) SOFTWARE: PatentIn Release # 1.0, version # 1.30 (EPA)

(2) INFORMATION PERTAINING TO SEQ. ID. NO. 1:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 2952 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleotide
- (C) STRAND FORM: single strand
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) TYPE OF MOLECULE: genome DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTISENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ. ID. NO. 1:

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(2) INFORMATION PERTAINING TO SEQ. ID. NO. 2:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 612 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRAND FORM: single strand
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) TYPE OF MOLECULE: protein

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTISENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ. ID. NO. 2:

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(2) INFORMATION PERTAINING TO SEQ. ID. NO. 3:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 2164 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleotide
- (C) STRAND FORM: single strand
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) TYPE OF MOLECULE: genome DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTISENSE: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ. ID. NO. 3:

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(2) INFORMATION PERTAINING TO SEQ. ID. NO. 4:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 271 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRAND FORM: single strand
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) TYPE OF MOLECULE: protein

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTISENSE: NO

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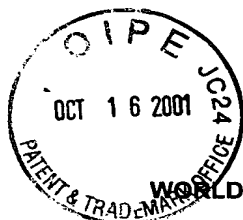
- (A) LENGTH: 279 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRAND FORM: single strand
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) TYPE OF MOLECULE: protein
- (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO
- (iv) ANTISENSE: NO
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ. ID. NO. 5:

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[21] International Application Number: PCT/EP00/01405 [22] International Date of Filing: February 21, 2000 [30] Priority dates: 199 07 567.0 February 22, 1999 (DE) [71] Applicant (for all Contracting States, except for the United States): FORSCHUNGSZENTRUM JÜLICH GMBH [DE/DE]; Postfach (P.O. Box) 1913 D-52425 Jülich, Germany (DE) [72] Inventors; and [75] Inventors/applicants (only for the United States): EGGELING, Lothar [DE/DE] Elsenkamp 6 D-52428 Jülich, Germany (DE) SAHM, Hermann [DE/DE] Wendelinusstrasse 71 D-52428 Jülich, Germany (DE)	[74] Representative: PIELKEN, Petra Becker-Gundahl-Strasse 36 D-81479 Munich Germany (DE) [81] Contracting States: CZ, JP, KR, SK, US, ZA, European Patent (AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE) Published <i>With an international search report.</i>	
[54] Title: Process for the microbial production of L-valine.		
[57] Abstract: The present invention relates to a process for the microbial production of L-valine in which the dihydroxy acid-synthase (ilvD) activity and/or the ilvD gene expression is intensified in a microorganism. As an alternative or in combination with this, the acetohydroxy acid-synthase (ilvBN) activity and isomeroreductase (ilvC) activity and/or the ilvBNC gene expression are intensified in a microorganism. The process according to the invention preferably makes use of microorganisms in which the activity of at least one enzyme that is involved in a metabolic pathway that reduces the formation of L-valine is weakened or eliminated. Thus, for instance, the process according to the invention preferably makes use of microorganisms having a defect mutation in the threonine dehydratase (ilvA) gene and/or a defect mutation in one or more genes of the pantothenate synthesis.		

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